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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/781,848

Applicant(s)

CRANE ET AL.

Examiner

Luan Thai

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 June 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 27-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 27-31 and 37-41 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 32-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is responsive to the amendment filed June 5, 2006.

Claims **27-30 and newly added claims 31-41** are pending in this application.

Claims **1-26** have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 32-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Currier (4,539,621).

The figures and reference numbers referred to in this office action are used merely to indicate an example of a specific teaching and are not to be taken as limiting.

Regarding claims 32-36, Currier discloses (see specifically figures 1-2) a method for manufacturing a semiconductor die package, comprising: forming a package base (13) having a plurality of side walls (17), a floor (14), and an electrically-conductive grid (28) having interconnecting rows and columns that define openings there between, wherein interior surfaces of the side walls and floor form a cavity sized to hold a semiconductor die (15), and wherein the forming comprises molding an insulative material to form at least a portion of the floor (Col. 15, lines 13+ and Col. 18, lines 27+) and attaching the electrically-conductive grid (28) to the portion of the floor; and providing electrically-

conductive paths (30) extending from an exterior surface of the floor and electrically connect to the electrically-conductive grid (see Fig. 2), wherein at least some of the paths are provided through the openings of the electrically-conductive grid. Carrier further discloses the semiconductor die (15) is inserted into the cavity; and sealing the semiconductor die within the cavity by attaching a lid (16) to the base so as to cover the cavity.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 27-31 and 37-41 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art taken either singly or in combination fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the method step of molding an electrically conductive frame into the floor of the molded package base, wherein the frame having a plurality of holes formed therein and the holes through the floor register with the holes of the frame, as recited in claim 27, and the method step of molding the electrically-conductive grid (which has interconnecting rows and columns that define openings there between) into at least a portion of the floor of the package base, as recited in claim 37, especially when these limitations are considered within the specific combination claimed.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 32-36 have been fully considered, but they are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.
7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action because the newly added claims 32-36 raise new issues that would require further

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consideration and/or search. Accordingly, THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luan Thai whose telephone number is 571-272-1935. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bradley W. Baumeister can be reached on 571-272-1722. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luan Thai', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Luan Thai

Primary Examiner

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August 19, 2006

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PRIMARY EXAMINER